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INDO-CHINA DEFENCE COOPERATION
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and China are contemplating to increase their mutual defence cooperation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any discussion has been held between the two countries in this regard; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir.A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for exchanges and cooperation in the field of defence was signed by Defence Ministers of India and China in May, 2006.

(c) & (d): The first India-China Annual Defence Dialogue was held in Beijing in November,2007 during which issues relating to enhancement of Military to Military relations were discussed.